

BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION MINUTES OF MEETING

Open Session

November 5, 2007

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:32am on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS

Jeannine Borozny, RN

Lynn Curran, MS, RN, CRNA

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN, PCNS Vice President

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Sharon Smith, MS, RN, President

Michael Gerhardt

Katherine Lukas RN, MS, CCRN

Kristen Kamm, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Elizabeth Lamonde, RN

Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP

Theresa Jeremiah RN

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Pam McCue, RN, MS, Director Nursing Registration and Nursing Education

Betsy James, RN Complaint Officer

Charles Alexandre, Chief Health Professions Regulation

Donald Williams, Associate Director for Environmental and Health Services Regulation

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms Smith called the meeting to order at 8:32am. A quorum was established at this time.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF

On motion of Ms. Megerdichian, seconded by Ms Rosa, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report

DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT

Ms McCue informed the Board that she and several other staff members from the Health Department attended the Community Review of the proposed regulations governing MHRH license facilities. McCue stated she responded to the questions that pertained to the NP Act. One comment that was made from the Health Department was that the “delegation “ definition regarding nursing delegation should mirror the definition found in the nursing regulations. Participants at the meeting seemed agreeable to this suggestion.

Ms McCue notified the Board that the APRN Advisory committee would be meeting next week to discuss the credentialing process for clinical privileges for nurse practitioners in hospitals. Ms McCue stated that the recommendations that result from this discussion will be reported to the Board at its December 10th meeting.

Ms McCue notified the Board that the Director of Health summarily suspended the practical nurse license of Joyce Guilfole on October 24, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Regulations of Medication Aides

Charles Alexandre, Chief of Health Professions Regulation, presented to the Board the proposed Rules and Regulations Pertaining to RI

Certificates of Registration for Nursing Assistants, Medication Aides, and the Approval of Nursing Assistant and Medication Aide Training Programs. The proposed regulations

- a. Require medication aides to be registered and certified as nursing Assistants effective July 1, 2008**
- b. Define the curriculum for an approved medication aide training program**

Ms Lukas inquired whether the regulations require a continuing education course for medication aides at the time of their license renewal. Chief Alexandre stated the regulations did not require it at this time, however this comment has been made by the CNA Board as well and is under review. Chief Alexandre requested that the Board review the proposed regulations and submit to Ms McCue or to Chief Alexandre himself any written comments or questions.

Donald Williams, Associate Director for Environmental and Health Services Regulation notified the Board that the Department is considering a statutory change to make the CNA Board an advisory board under the Board of Nursing. Ms McCue added that the RI Board of Nursing is one of only two Boards in the country that does not have the state's CNA Board under it's jurisdiction.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms Borozny, seconded by Ms. Rosa, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and

42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 9:17am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms Smith called the open session back to order at 1:10pm.

VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Mr. Gerhardt, seconded by Ms. Curran, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board voted to the following actions in Executive Session at today's meeting:

Glynis Feole-reinstate registered nurse license on a three (3) year probation

Nicole Zuene-issue a registered nurse license on a one (1) year

probation

CNS06-086 No Unprofessional Conduct occurred

RN07-063 No Unprofessional Conduct occurred

RN07-037 No Unprofessional Conduct occurred

RN07-032 No Unprofessional Conduct occurred

ADJOURNMENT

**On motion of Mr. Gerhardt, seconded by Ms Curran, it was
unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:20 pm. .**

Respectfully Submitted,

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN